



Shirley Romero Bienvenu

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Shirley Romero Bienvenu, 93, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, peacefully passed away on Sept 28, 2020. Shirley was born February 25, 1927, in New Iberia, La., to Hubald and Meda Romero. She graduated from Mt. Carmel Academy in New Iberia and received her bachelor's degree from University of Southwestern Louisiana. She later obtained her teaching certificate and taught elementary school in various cities in South Louisiana. In 1957, she married Joseph Bienvenu of St. Martinville, La. The couple moved to Kilgore, Tx in 1960 to begin Joe's career with the Petrolite Corporation. Shirley was an extraordinary mother of three daughters who always organized ways for them to experience various forms of art, music, and culture. Eventually moving to Longview, Shirley returned to teaching with a degree in Language and Learning Disabilities and enjoyed twenty-one wonderful years at The Crisman School. Shirley had a great devotion to her faith; she and Joe attended daily Mass during their retirement years. Shirley loved her choir "family" at St. Mary's Church where she remained an active member until the Covid Pandemic in 2020. Neighbors were important to Shirley, especially the ones right next door. Some of her fondest memories resulted from friendships with the Cantrell, Jackson, Beall and Coldwell families who became lifelong friends. Finally, her grandchildren were her pride and joy. Shirley took pleasure in keeping up with all aspects of their lives; there is no doubt that she will be their biggest advocate in heaven.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of sixty-one years, and her brothers, Robert Romero, Allen Romero and Earl Romero.

She is survived by her daughters, Joellyn and son-in-law, David Custead of Ft. Worth, Tx; Karen and son-in-law, Vincent Dulweber of Longview, Tx; Jean Mosby of Longview, Tx; her beloved grandchildren Daniel Custead of Falls Church, Va.; Marie and husband Nathan Jessup of Nacogdoches, Tx; and Amy Custead of Ft. Worth, Tx;



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Katherine and husband, Mike Lehr of Annapolis, Md; Lauren Dulweber of Ft. Worth, Tx; two great grandchildren (soon to be four); and several cherished nieces and nephews. She is also survived by sister-in-law Nettie Romero of Crowley, La.

Services will be held Saturday, October 3, at St. Mary's Church in Longview, Tx. A rosary will begin at 11:30 am, followed by visitation at 12:00 pm, and Mass of Christian Burial at 12:30 pm. Interment will follow at Rosewood Park. With the Pandemic in mind, the family understands if friends would rather not participate in person. The funeral Mass will be live-streamed and can be accessed on Facebook at St. Mary's Church, Longview, Tx.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Crisman School (2455 N. Eastman Road, Longview, TX 75605) or St. Mary's School Endowment Fund (405 Hollybrook Drive, Longview, TX 75605).



Events

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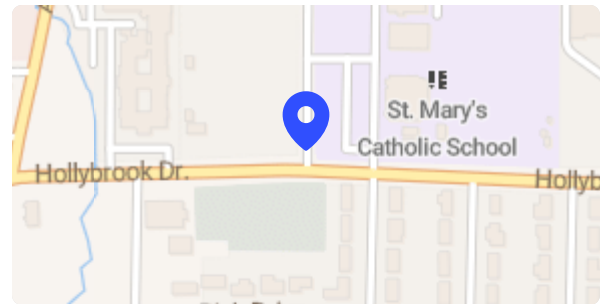
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Rosary

Saturday, October 3, 2020

11:30 AM CT

St. Mary's Catholic Church
2108 Ridgewood, Longview TX

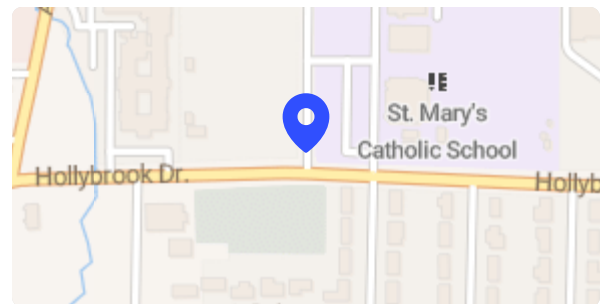


Visitation

Saturday, October 3, 2020

12:00 PM CT

St. Mary's Catholic Church
2108 Ridgewood, Longview TX

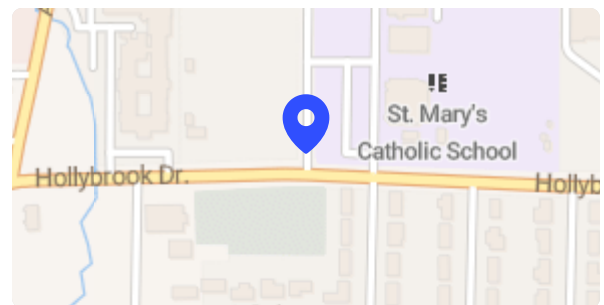


Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, October 3, 2020

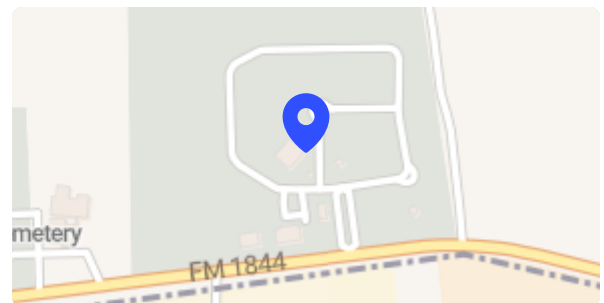
12:30 PM CT

St. Mary's Catholic Church
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Cemetery Details

Rosewood Park
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





Tribute Wall

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Debbie Agostini posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Aunt Shirley's passing. We were able to visit with her last year while we were traveling and it was great to catch up on all the news of the family. She amazed us at how sharp her mind was and she seemed to still have a lot more life to live. Joellen, Karen, and Jean- you will be in our prayers during this time of loss. We will be making a donation to the school in Aunt Shirley's memory. With deepest sympathy, Joe and Debbie (Romero) Agostini and Peggy (Romero) Bradford.

October 5 at 6:51 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Bienvenu family.



October 2 at 9:39 AM



Nell Raper Boren posted:

My thought and prayers are lifted for your family. Shirley's earthly journey is over but her life is an inspiring legacy to all who knew her. Along with you she will be missed by her church and lake families. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories you have of you beautiful Mother. Nell Raper Boren Formerly Lake Cherokee Real Estate Agent

October 1 at 5:50 PM



Sondra Scalco posted:

I met Shirley in the choir at St Mary's Catholic Church- I say this with all sincerity when I say she was an inspiration for all of us in the choir. She was a real trooper! Every Sunday she came to practice beautifully dressed- with her alto voice strong and ready to let us know she wouldn't put up with anyone not ready to sing! As a fellow Louisiana girl we kept up with Gumbo and LSU- her smile would light up a room every time! I'll miss her- she'll brighten Heaven for certain! Sondra Scalco

October 1 at 2:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bienvenu family.



October 1 at 6:18 AM



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Alice Poore posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Your mother was a lovely lady and I'm sure will be missed. Blessings and love Alice Poore, Stefani Huber and Kelly Poore

October 1 at 4:41 AM



Brenda Liverman posted:

Dear Ones, What a sweet lady! Her sweet smile, her sweet personality and her dedication to others. She was such a blessing to so many but particularly to the students at Crisman School. What a joy to have called her my friend. Prayers and hugs for you during this time. Brenda Crisman Liveran

October 1 at 4:17 AM



Pam (Sam) Madters posted:

I have so many memories of Shirley but my first memory of her is when she brought a baby gift to my house welcoming my new baby (Joie) to our church community. She is forever in my prayers. My Our Divine Lord hold her family in His loving arms.

September 30 at 2:20 PM

PM Pam (Sam) Masters September 30 at 2:22 PM
Correct spelling on last name is Masters



Connie Murdock lit a candle in honor of Shirley.



September 30 at 10:24 AM

CM Connie Murdock September 30 at 10:27 AM
Ms. Shirley was always an inspiration and joy to be with. I loved her dearly...



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Bienvenu family.



September 30 at 9:58 AM



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SD

Sonvya Duncan lit a candle in honor of Shirley.

Joellyn, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother...may God surround you with grace and strength during this time....Sonvya May Duncan

September 30 at 6:27 AM



MG

Mary Grush posted:

We just now heard about Shirley passing away and are so very sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joellyn, Karen, and their families, and Jean. Shirley was an outstanding mother and a very wise one, too. It so happened that our "first born" children--both girls, Joellyn & Mary Jen, became good friends as well as our two younger girls, Karen and Lori. But long before Lori and Karen started school, Shirley called me one day and said you know, Mary, it would be good for our girls to get to know each other before Kindergarten so they would see a familiar face and a friend when school begins. So their friendship began at an early age of 3 or 4, and Karen and Lori became life long friends and still today, there is that bond of friendship between the two. Although, their life journeys took them on separate paths, they have remained close friends through out the years. And, Mary Jen and Joellyn have remained good friends, along with Barbara Allen Varley and Judy and they all stay in touch with each other, too. I have many good memories of Shirley, too, and as I said, she always had so much wisdom. We're all so sorry for the loss of your dear mother, and all of you will be in our thoughts and prayers. We shall be praying for the Happy Repose of her soul. May God bless each of you. Our love and prayers, Mary & Al Grush

September 29 at 1:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Shirley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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